

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 17, 2008 has been received and reviewed by the Applicant. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 13 and 15-18 are pending in the application and are rejected. Claims 6 and 12 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections – under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103

On page 3, paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claims 5 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kawamura et al. (7,092,024). On page 5, paragraph 5 of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6, 8, 12, 13 and 15-18 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura et al. in view of Nagano (5,561,462). Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to update a couple of minor areas in the claim. Independent claim 5 has been amended to include the elimination of dependent claim 6 which has been cancelled.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 12 which has also been cancelled. Independent claim 9 has been further amended to further recite in part:

"wherein the captured image stored in the first memory is subsampled and stored in the first memory prior to the electronic image display being powered up".

Support for this amendment to claim 9 can be found in page 6, lines 29-36.

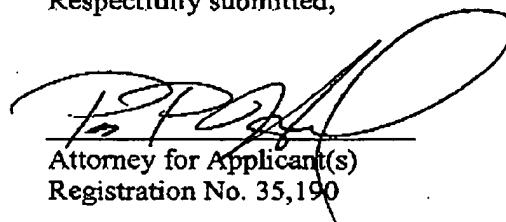
As currently recited in independent claims 1, 5, 9 and 13, all the claims recite that the display is not turned on until "after an image is captured" (or very close wording to this, for example in claim 9 it states "after the image is captured). By processing the image and then turning on the display, as mentioned throughout the application (see for example page 6, line 29 to page 7, line 8) battery drain is minimized a great extent which is useful for users looking for an image capture that can operate for prolonged periods of time as an illustrative example.

Unlike in the present application, in the main cited Kawamura et al reference, the LCD display is turned on as soon the release button 12 is half pressed (see sections cited in the office action and section (A1) starting at col. 7, line 63. Thus, inherently, in Kawamura the LCD display is using up valuable

energy while the image is being processed, instead of waiting until after the image is captured and ready for being displayed as claimed in the present application. Kawamura et al. also fails to discuss battery saving techniques in this area, so Kawamura et al. in combination with Nagano fail to teach or suggest that which is recited in claims 1-5, 8, 9, 13 and 15-18. Furthermore, as to the additional language noted above for claim 9, neither of the cited references teach or suggest the subsampling of the captured image prior to energizing the display.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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